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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DOUGLAS RUGG)
SERIAL NO: 09/527,066) GROUP ART UNIT
FILED: March 17, 2000) 3727
FOR: BAG FOR CARRYING A BALL) EXAMINER
) STEPHEN P. GARBE
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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
OF THREE (3) MONTHS FOR RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF

Dear Sir:

An Office Action dated December 5, 2000, was received in the above identified Application which set a time for response of three (3) months from the date thereof, requiring that a response be filed on or before March 5, 2001. Under 35 U.S.C. Section 133, the maximum period set for response is six (6) months.

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Signature: Douglas J. Rugg

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), the undersigned elects to extend the shortened statutory time from response by three (3) month, which extends the response date from March 5, 2001 to June 5, 2001. The Small Entity Fee set in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3) for responding three (3) months beyond the shortened statutory time for response is \$445.00. A check for \$445.00 is enclosed. If any additional fees are due, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

Based on the above, the shortened statutory time for reply is extended three (3) months to June 5, 2001, by filing this Petition for an extension of time prior to or with the response due herein and payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

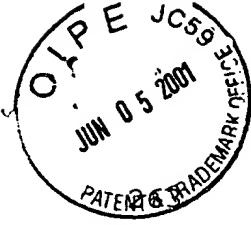


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CERTIFICATE OF FILING DOCUMENTS BY EXPRESS MAIL

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10,
enclosed are:

- (1) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF THREE (3) MONTHS
FOR RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE
THEREOF;

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- (2) AMENDMENT;
- (3) Check in the amount of \$512.00 paying the Petition Fee of \$445.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) and additional claim fee of \$67.00; and
- (4) Postcard.

We respectfully request a filing date of June 5, 2001, the date of mailing the above-referenced documents, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10.

Respectfully submitted,



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